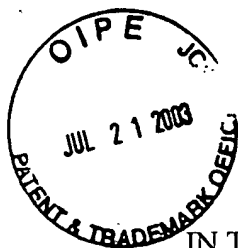


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In re Application of

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AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SUPPORT)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 21, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction/election requirement mailed June 20, 2003, the applicants hereby elect Group I, namely claims 1-11, drawn to a method of immobilizing receptors. It is believed that Claim 1 is a proper linking claim, which is patentable over the prior art, and thus the election is made with traverse. The Examiner is requested to modify the restriction requirement by grouping Groups III, IV, V and VI with Group I.

In response to the election of a single disclosed species of polymeric receptors, the applicants hereby elect the species nucleotides. It is believed that claim 1 is patentable, so that all of the species should be examined in this application.

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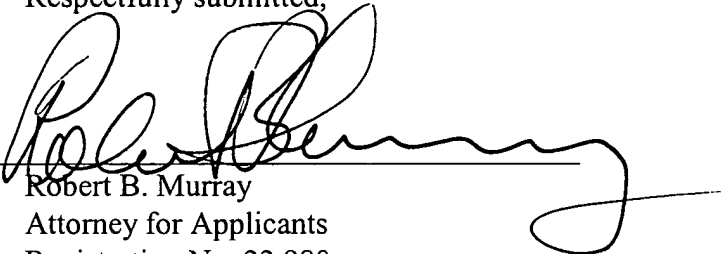
Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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